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### Sinteni's Puerto-Rico Plants.

[Translation.]

The distribution of the first installment of plants collected by T. Sinteni at Puerto-Rico has just taken place. The determinations have been made by the undersigned in company with several monographers. As but a few sets are yet to be disposed of (at 30 marks per hundred) intending purchasers must send in their names speedily. The species lacking in this issue will be supplied (possibly completely) from shortly to be expected collections.

*Schöneberg bie Berlin, Grünewald.* DR. IGN. URBAN.

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## NOTES AND NEWS.

DR. H. F. HANCE, British Consul at Amoy, China, died on June 22. He has been an earnest student of the plants of the East, having described a large number of new species, mostly in English periodicals.

MR. ROMYN HITCHCOCK, editor of the *American Microscopical Journal*, has sailed for Osaka, Japan, which will be his address for some time to come. The business management of the *Journal* is placed in the hands of Rufus W. Deering, of Washington, D. C.

A NEW monthly botanical journal, to bear the name *Malpighia*, wil lsoon be started at Messina, Italy, to be edited by Professors Borzi, Penzig, and Pirotta. It will contain original articles, bibliography, critiques, notes and queries. The subscription is placed at twenty-five francs per annum.

PROFESSOR F. L. HARVEY, of the Arkansas Industrial University, has accepted the position of professor of natural history in the State College, Orono, Me., made vacant by the resignation of Professor C. H. Fernald, who takes the chair of zoology in the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

A CRITICAL SYNOPSIS of the North American species of the genus Carex by Prof. L. H. Bailey, Jr., will shortly appear in the proceedings of the American Academy. Contrary to the usual custom of American botanists the territory covered includes Greenland, Mexico and Central America, *i. e.*, all of North America. Prof. Bailey has been engaged upon the work for three years, and the results of his study will be heartily welcomed.

THE BUFFALO MEETING of the Society for the promotion of Agricultural Science listened to the following papers pertaining to botany: Parasitic fungi as affecting plant distribution, by W. J. Beal, Ph. D.; On some diseases of cultivated plants, by W. G. Farlow, M. D.; The sources of nitrogen of plants, by R. C. Kedzie, M. D.; Vitality and germination of fruit tree seeds, and Comparative growth of young timber trees, by W. R. Lazenby, M. Sc.; Hybridity in nature and its effects, by T. V. Munson, M. Sc.; A study in agricultural botany, by E. L. Sturtevant, M. D.; The agricultural grasses of Arizona, and The mildews of the grape, by F. L. Scribner, B. Sc.

A PLANT of Yucca filamentosa of remarkable size and habit bloomed last year in the Botanic Garden at Adelaide, South Australia, and is figured and described by Dr. Schomburgk, the director, in his last report. It is about twenty-five years old, is 18 feet high and 7 feet 4 four in circumference one foot above the ground. It bloomed for the first time in 1873, producing an upright flower-stalk. When this was cut away, a number of short branches were produced, forming a globular head of foliage. Last year when it bloomed for the second time, it threw out eight flower-stalks, three feet long and bearing three hundred flowers each, but instead of being upright, they were fully pendulous. It is said to have been a magnificent sight, as can well be imagined.

THE COMMITTEE of the A. A. A. S. for securing more favorable ruling regarding the transmission through the mails of herbarium specimens with written labels reported that much attention had been given toward securing the desired object but no result had been reached. The committee were met with the objection that it was asking legislation for